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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
NEWARK DIVISION

**Innovative Sports Management, Inc. d/b/a Integrated
Sports Media,**

Plaintiff,

-against-

COMPLAINT

Civil Action No.

JOSE LOUVADO and ZACARIAS BARBOSA, Individually,
and as officers, directors, shareholders and/or principals
of SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE CORP,

and

SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE CORP,

Defendants.

Plaintiff, Innovative Sports Management, Inc. d/b/a Integrated Sports Media
(hereinafter "Plaintiff"), by its attorneys, LONSTEIN LAW OFFICE, P.C., complaining
of the Defendants herein respectfully sets forth and alleges, as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is a civil action seeking damages for violation of 47 U.S.C. §§ 553 or 605,

et seq. and for copyright infringement under the copyright laws of the U.S. (17 U.S.C. §101, et seq.).

2. This Court has jurisdiction under 17 U.S.C. §101, et seq. and 28 U.S.C. Section §1331, which states that the district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States; and 28 U.S.C. Section §1338(a) (copyright).

3. Upon information and belief, venue is proper in this court because, inter alia, a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred within Essex County, which is within the District of New Jersey, Newark Division (28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and 28 U.S.C. §110).

4. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the parties in this action. Defendants to this action had or have an agent or agents who has or had independently transacted business in the State of New Jersey and certain activities of Defendants giving rise to this action took place in the State of New Jersey; more particularly, Defendants' acts of violating federal laws and the proprietary rights of Plaintiff, as distributor of the encrypted satellite, radio, wired or internet streamed (IPTV) broadcast within the State of New Jersey. Moreover, upon information and belief, Defendants have their principal place of business within the State of New Jersey; thus, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants.

THE PARTIES

5. The Plaintiff is a New Jersey Corporation with its principal place of business

located at 64 N. Summit St, Suite 218, Tenaflly, New Jersey 07670 and duly registered to do business in the State of New Jersey.

6. Plaintiff is the owner of the Liga Portugal: FC Porto vs. Academico De Viseu Broadcast, including all undercard matches and the entire television Broadcast, which occurred on January 25, 2023, via encrypted closed circuit television, encrypted satellite, radio signals and/or digital streaming technology (hereinafter referred to as the “Broadcast”).

7. Upon information and belief the Defendant, JOSE LOUVADO, resides at 96 Warwick St, Apt 2nd, Newark, NJ 07105.

8. Upon information and belief the Defendant, ZACARIAS BARBOSA, resides at 51 Van Buren St, Apt 1, Newark, NJ 07105.

9. Upon information and belief the Defendants, JOSE LOUVADO and ZACARIAS BARBOSA, was the officers, directors, shareholders, and/or principals of SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE CORP located at 15 Clover St, Newark, NJ 07105.

10. Upon information and belief the Defendants, JOSE LOUVADO and ZACARIAS BARBOSA, were the individuals with supervisory capacity and control over the activities occurring within the establishment known as SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE CORP, located at 15 Clover St, Newark, NJ 07105.

11. Upon information and belief the Defendants, JOSE LOUVADO and ZACARIAS BARBOSA, received a financial benefit from the operations of SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE CORP, on January 25, 2023.

12. Upon information and belief, Defendants, JOSE LOUVADO and ZACARIAS BARBOSA, were the individuals with close control over the internal operating procedures and employment practices of SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE CORP, on January 25, 2023.

13. Upon information and belief the Defendant, SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE CORP, is a domestic corporation licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey and as was doing business as under the trade or fictitious name SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE.

14. Upon information and belief, the Defendant, SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE CORP, is located at 15 Clover St, Newark, NJ 07105, and had a lawful occupancy capacity of approximately 101-150 people on January 25, 2023.

15. Upon information and belief, Defendants, *jointly and severally*, received a commercial benefit by not paying the commercial licensing fee to the Plaintiff for the Broadcast and obtaining same through alternative, illegal and illicit means and exhibiting within SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE on or about January 25, 2023.

COUNT I

16. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference all of the allegations contained in paragraphs "1" through "15," inclusive, as though set forth herein at length.

17. Plaintiff is the owner of the Liga Portugal: FC Porto vs. Academico De Viseu Broadcast, including all undercard matches and the entire television Broadcast, which occurred on January 25, 2023, via encrypted closed circuit television, encrypted satellite,

radio signals and/or digital streaming technology over the internet (IPTV).

18. Plaintiff's broadcast originated via encrypted closed circuit television, encrypted satellite, radio signals and/or digital streaming technology over the internet (IPTV) and was subsequently re-transmitted via Cable and/or satellite television or internet protocol streaming technology ("IPTV") over Content Distribution Networks ("CDN's") such as satellite, cable or digital streaming technology.

19. Plaintiff, for a licensing fee, entered into licensing agreements with numerous businesses in the State of New Jersey, allowing them to publicly exhibit the Broadcast to their patrons. Upon payment of the appropriate fees, Plaintiff authorized and enabled subscribers to access and display a decrypted signal of the Broadcast through their exclusive commercial distributor, Innovative Sports Management, Inc. d/b/a Integrated Sports Media.

20. The Broadcast was also available for non-commercial, private viewing through Plaintiff or its authorized online platforms for residential Pay-Per-View purchase and consumption via the internet. Owners of commercial establishments wishing to avoid paying Plaintiff's licensing fees can surreptitiously gain access to Plaintiff's Broadcasts by purchasing the programming online, without proper authorization, at residential rates, which are greatly discounted compared to the rates required for commercial entities and exhibit those broadcasts for their own commercial benefit and gain.

21. In order for anyone to obtain the Broadcast through a website intended for

private, non-commercial viewing, an individual purchaser would be provided with terms of service which specifically provide for **non-commercial, personal use only**.

22. Upon information and belief, with full knowledge that the Broadcast was not to be received and exhibited by entities unauthorized to do so, the Defendants and/or their agents, servants, workmen or employees, without paying Plaintiff a fee or entering into an agreement with Plaintiff or its authorized agent for commercial exhibition, unlawfully intercepted, received and/or de-scrambled Plaintiff's encrypted signal and did exhibit the Broadcast at SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE CORP located at 15 Clover St, Newark, NJ 07105 at the time of its transmission willfully and for purposes of direct or indirect commercial advantage or private financial gain.

23. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants unauthorized engaged in the illegal; interception and receipt of Plaintiff's Broadcast by ordering programming intended for residential use and subsequently displayed it in the commercial establishment known as SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE CORP at 15 Clover St, Newark, NJ 07105 for commercial gain and without authorization, or by such other means which are unknown to Plaintiffs and known only to Defendants.

24. Upon information and belief, Defendants and/or their agents, servants, workmen and/or employees intercepted Plaintiff's signal and/or used a device to intercept Plaintiff's Broadcast, which originated via encrypted satellite, cable or wired or wireless streaming radio signal technology, and then re-transmitted via Content Distribution Networks ("CDN's) such as satellite, cable or digital streaming technology.

25. There are multiple illegal and unauthorized methods of accessing the Broadcast, including but not limited to the traditional ways of pirating a broadcast (1) splicing an additional coaxial cable line or redirecting a wireless signal from an adjacent residence into a business establishment, decrypting unscrambling and receiving the closed circuit, “IPTV”, cable or satellite Broadcast; (2) commercially misusing the residential cable, satellite or IPTV internet radio signals by registering as a residence when it is, in fact, a business; or (3) taking a lawfully obtained cable, IPTV or other streaming or satellite reception and decryption device or acquiring international Free-To-Air (FTA) broadcast signals emanating from outside the United States, into a business. (4) misusing a residential digital stream acquired or intercepted from an over-the-top “OTT” technologies, used for the delivery of film and TV content via the internet, (5) Live or near-live Social Media Streaming or (6) Live Streaming Apps. The misuse of OTT technology can allow commercial misuse of residential broadcasting feeds through the internet from anywhere in the world.

26. Each of the above described methods would allow Defendants to access the Broadcast unlawfully and without Plaintiffs authorization. Prior to engaging in discovery, Plaintiff is unable to determine the manner in which Defendants obtained the Broadcast. However, it is logical to conclude that Defendants utilized one or more of the above-described methods intercept and exhibit the encrypted radio signal Broadcast within SPORT MARITIMO MURTOENSE CORP without a license and without paying a license fee.

27. 47 U.S.C. §605 (a) prohibits the unauthorized reception and publication or use of radio communications such as the Broadcast transmission at issue in this litigation.

28. By reason of the aforementioned conduct, the aforementioned Defendants willfully violated 47 U.S.C. §605 (a).

29. By reason of the aforementioned Defendants violation of 47 U.S.C. §605 (a), Plaintiff has a private right of action pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §605.

30. As a result of the aforementioned Defendants' willful violation of 47 U.S.C. §605 (a), Plaintiff is entitled to damages, in the discretion of this Court, under 47 U.S.C. §605 (e)(3)(C)(i)(II) and (ii) of up to the maximum amount of \$110,000.00 as to each Defendants.

31. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §605, Plaintiff is also entitled to an award of full costs, interest and reasonable attorney's fees.

COUNT II

32. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs "1" through "31" as though fully set forth herein.

33. Upon information and belief, with full knowledge that the Broadcast was not to be received and exhibited by entities unauthorized to do so, the Defendant and/or his agents, servants, workmen or employees did exhibit the Broadcast at the above-captioned address at the time of its transmission willfully and for purposes of direct or indirect commercial advantage or private financial gain.

34. 47 U.S.C. §553 prohibits the unauthorized reception, interception and

exhibition of any communications service offered over a cable system such as the transmission for which Plaintiff had the distribution rights as to commercial establishments thereto.

35. A significant amount of internet service in the United States is provided by Internet Service Providers (“ISP’S”) who deliver and receive internet data transmissions via a combination of satellite and radio signals which are delivered to end-users via coaxial cable, fiber optic cable and telephone lines.

36. Upon information and belief, the Defendants individually, willfully and illegally intercepted said Broadcast when it was distributed and shown by cable television systems.

37. By reason of the aforementioned conduct, all of the aforementioned Defendants willfully violated 47 U.S.C. §553, thereby giving rise to a private right of action.

38. As a result of the aforementioned Defendants’ violation of 47 U.S.C. §553, Plaintiff is entitled to damages, in an amount in the discretion of this Court, of up to the maximum amount of \$60,000.00, plus the recovery of full costs, interest and reasonable attorney’s fees.

COUNT III

39. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs “1” through “38” as though fully set forth herein.

40. Plaintiff, by contract, is the copyright owner of the exclusive rights of public

performance as to commercial establishments to the broadcast, including all undercard matches and the entire television Broadcast of Liga Portugal: FC Porto vs. Academico De Viseu on January 25, 2023. The Certificate of Registration was filed with the U.S. Copyright Office on March 20, 2023 with Registration # PA 2-407-897.

41. As a copyright holder of the rights to the Liga Portugal: FC Porto vs. Academico De Viseu Broadcast, Plaintiff has rights to the Broadcast, including the right of distribution and exhibition licensing to commercial establishments.

42. Defendants never obtained the proper authority or license from Plaintiff, or its authorized agent for commercial distribution, Innovative Sports Management, Inc. d/b/a Integrated Sports Media, to publicly exhibit the Liga Portugal: FC Porto vs. Academico De Viseu Broadcast on January 25, 2023.

43. The Liga Portugal: FC Porto vs. Academico De Viseu Broadcast can only be exhibited at a commercial establishment by purchasing a license from Plaintiff.

44. Upon information and belief, the Defendants and/or their agents, servants, workers and employees unlawfully obtained through fraud and/or intercepted the Liga Portugal: FC Porto vs. Academico De Viseu Broadcast, thereby enabling Defendants to publicly exhibit the Broadcast without o a license for public performance or paying the appropriate licensing fee to Plaintiff.

45. By reason of the aforementioned conduct, the Defendants willfully violated 17 U.S.C. §501(a).

46. By reason of the aforementioned Defendants' violation of 17 U.S.C. §501(a),

Plaintiff has a private right of action pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §501 (b).

47. As a result of Defendants' willful infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights and exclusive rights under copyright, Plaintiff is entitled to damages, in the discretion of this Court, under 17 U.S.C. §504(c)(1) and 504(c)(2), of up to the maximum amount of \$150,000.00.

48. Plaintiff is further entitled to its attorney's fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §505.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff requests that judgment be entered in its favor and against the Defendant, *jointly and severally*, granting to Plaintiff the following:

(a) Declare that Defendant's unauthorized exhibition of the January 25, 2023, Liga Portugal: FC Porto vs. Academico De Viseu Broadcast, violated the Federal Communications Act and that such violations were committed willfully and for purposes of Defendants' direct or indirect commercial advantage or for private financial gain,

(b) On the first cause of action, statutory penalties in an amount, in the discretion of this Court, against Defendants, *jointly and severally*, for a recovery between \$1,000 and \$10,000 as to each Defendant pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §605 and enhanced damages of up to \$100,000.00 for each defendant, *jointly and severally*, for their willful violation of 47 U.S.C. §605; and

(c) Attorney's fees, interest, costs of suit as to each Defendant pursuant to

47 U. S. C. § 605 (e)(3) (B) (iii).

(d) On the second cause of action, statutory penalties in an amount, in the discretion of this Court, against Defendants, *jointly and severally*, of up to the maximum amount of \$10,000.00 as to each Defendant for their violation of 47 U.S.C. §553 and enhanced damages of up to \$50,000.00 for their willful violation of 47 U.S.C. §553; and

(e) Attorney's fees, interest, costs of suit as to each Defendant pursuant to 47 U. S. C. §553 (c)(2)(C).

(f) On the third cause of action, statutory penalties in an amount, in the discretion of this Court, against Defendants, *jointly and severally*, of up to \$30,000.00 pursuant to §504(c)(1) and enhanced damages in the amount of up to \$150,000.00 pursuant to §504(c)(2) for their willful violation of 17 U.S.C. §501(a); and

(g) Attorney's fees, interest, costs of suit as to the Defendants pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §505, together with such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: July 11, 2023
Ellenville, New York

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